

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on June 10, 2004. Claims 27-43 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to non-elected claims. Claims 27-43 were withdrawn from consideration in a Response to Restriction Requirement filed under 35 U.S.C. §121 on October 27, 2003. Claims 44-52 remain in the present application and are allowable.

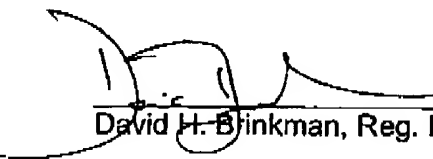
At the time of filing this Amendment, the Issue Fee has not been paid and will be paid on or before the due date of September 10, 2004.

Applicants do not believe that there are any fees due. However, if such fees are necessary to complete this communication, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned counsel if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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